

Community Military Appreciation Committee
Minutes
March 18, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith. Prayer led by Randy Warneke. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Erixson.

Thank you James Mead for being the Chaplain for Beth Brown's funeral services at both Willamette Cemetery and at the Vancouver Funeral Home.

Thank you to Liz Johnston at the Armed Forces Reserve Center and the Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 for organizing the Memorial Service for the five deceased Homeless Veterans with unknown relatives.

2. **Members Present:** Chairman Larry Smith, Chairman Dan Tarbell, Secretary Anita Stadey, and Treasurer Bruce Evans. Executive Board Members: Advocate Mike Burton, Chaplain Randy Warneke, Marketing Director Samantha Whitley, Operations Jim Erixson with Randy Warneke, Outreach Dan Sockle, Safety Roy Billings, Supply/Website/ POW Bricks Bill Hauser, and Member at Large Shane Gardner (absent). [11]

Karen Brown (Dignity Memorial), Julie Burger (American Red Cross), Ryan Corcilus (National Park Service), Randy Crisp (CVI), Bob Cromwell (National Park Service), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks Military Assoc.), Bob Day (PT Boat 658), Thomas Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol, 40 et 8, + A. L.), Stacey Donovan (City of Vancouver), Jack Giesen (Oregon Military Vehicles), John Hopkins (CVI), Ed Howard (New Cadence Family), Anne MCEnergy-Ogle (Vancouver. Mayor Pro Tem), James Mead (Korean War Veterans), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks Lodge #823), Frazier Raymond (Buffalo Soldiers), Joel Scott (Employment Support Guard and Reserve), Joyce Slemper (Emblem Club), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Jo Ann Strickland (A.L. Aux + VAVS), Linda Tarbell, and Ralph Walker (Fotos with Flair). Guests: Dion Hess (Fishing with Veterans), John Kaiser (VFW 4278), Mike Brown (Columbia Credit Union), and John Treosti (40 et 8 – Golf Tournament). [27]

3. **CMAC Events:**

- A. **Redheart Ceremony – April 23rd** Great Meadows 10:00 AM Ceremony with free Native American Meal at 12:00 Noon held in the Vancouver Artillery Barracks. Sponsored by Nez Perce Tribe, City of Vancouver, and National Park Service Fort Vancouver.
- B. **Our Community Salutes – April 28th** Skyview H. S. 7:00 PM, Ice Cream Social after. Sponsored by Mackay Sposito and Wal Mart.
- C. **Memorial Day Observance Community Event – May 30th** Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds, 9:45 AM Reception, 11:00 AM Ceremony. NPS Soldier's Bivouac after the Ceremony. Sponsored by Waste Connections and National Park Service Fort Vancouver.
- D. **Costco "Hero's Night" – June 25th**
- E. **Fishing with Veterans – June 26th** Ridgefield Marina. reported that this event will be held June 26th at the Ridgefield Marina. There will be a BBQ in the afternoon. They are looking towards 100 members fishing and about 40 boats on the water, most of them with guides. So far Dion has about 20 Wal Mart stores sponsoring this event.
- F. **Vietnam Memorial at the Vancouver VA Medical Center – Chairman Dan Tarbell** announced that the Dept. of Defense has approved the project. \$25,000 is needed for funding this project. There are 65 names to be on the memorial. CMAC will manage this site.

4. **CMAC Guests:**

- A. **Alex Peraza-Gonzales** – Chairman Larry Smith reported that Alex has had two interviews just last week.
- B. **Fishing with Veterans – Dion Hess** introduced John Kaiser from VFW 4278 who presented Dion with a check for \$400 towards this event. John has now become a new member for CMAC.
- C. **40 et 8 Golf Tournament – John Treosti** made another announcement about the Golf Tournament held at 3 Rivers Golf Course on June 12th. Open to anyone interested. Teams of 4 people playing scramble. \$50 per

person, \$60 with Cart, and an extra \$15 with meal. Prizes will be given out. To sign up contact John at 360-574-5746 or jtpfp@comcast.net.

- D. Columbia Credit Union “Country Shindig” – April 15th** Battle Ground Community Center 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, featuring *Branded Band*. \$10 Admission pre-sale, \$15 at door. Purchase tickets at the Battle Ground Community Center or on line at www.parksfoundation.us. Must be 21 and older due to wine being served at the event. For more information, call 360-342-5380.

5. CMAC News:

A. Fort Vancouver National Park Service:

- 1. Junior Ranger Day – April 16th** 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM held at Pearson Air Museum. Free
- 2. BioBlitz – May 21st** 9:00AM to 3:00 PM held at Pearson Air Museum. Free. Learn about local pollinators, plants, birds of Fort Vancouver.
- 3. Children’s Cultural Parade – May 27th** held on the Parade Grounds. Local students parade in celebration of our multi-cultural community. Free.
- 4. Flag Day – June 14th** Parade Grounds

- B. Fisher House – Jo Ann Strickland “Fisher House Ribbon Cutting” March 23rd**, 1:30 PM, at the VAPORHCS Vancouver Campus (1601 E Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661).

- C. Young Marines – March 26th** Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 Noon, Safe Harbor Church (8100 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver WA 98664). Must be 10 years and under.

- D. “Welcome Home Vet’s Day” VA Medical Center Portland – March 29th** 8:30 AM. Please contact Dan Herrigstad (503-402-2975) to show support for this event to be held here, in Vancouver VA Medical Center, also.

- E. Elks Flag Day – June 11, 2016** at the Kiggins Bowl 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

- F. “America’s Jihad” – Dan Sockle** new book released now. A collection of 24 individual journeys from 9/11 to today, humanity’s struggle against Jihadists, the Far Left, the Far Right, and other Extremists. This book is about building and repairing bridges across cultural and political divides. To purchase book or visit website go to <http://americasjihad.com> . For a CMAC member discount use code use U6W8P953.

- G. Veteran’s Village – Michael Stacey** said that they now have a site at 51st and St James, Vancouver. Still waiting for the permits from the City but the owner of the property has agreed to hold the property until that time. There will be about 10 to 12 micro homes built for homeless female Veterans first. Still looking for sponsors, donations, or volunteers. Contact by email purekraze2014@gmail.com or website purekraze-eventsforvets.com.

- H. Vancouver Barracks Military Association** will be having their military talks every 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Marshal House. The Ambulance Project is underway and should be completed within a year. If you would like to volunteer contact Jack Giesen at 360-253-9334 or Jeff Davis at 253-223-0125 or visit the VBMA website.

- I. Dignity Memorial “Your Life, Your Legacy” – March 23rd** 12:00 Noon, at Latte Da (205 East 39th St., Vancouver, WA 98663) Lunch for two. Seating is limited. Contact Karen Brown at 360-901-3801 to reserve a seating. Discover 4 simple steps to planning your final arrangements.

- J. Veteran’s Health & Hope – Ron Powers.** You can discover the gift of health. Contact Ron at 360-798-7541 or Dan Matthews at 360-798-6629 or visit their website www.powersimpact.ichooseroptimalhealth.com.

6. Memorial Day Observance Community Event – May 30th, 11:00 AM, Fort Vancouver National Park - Main Gazebo. Reception: **10:00AM to 10:45AM**, Marshal House, (Invitation Only – CMAC Members are welcome!).

A. Memorial Day set up: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

B. Operations Director: Jim Erixson Phone 360-901-7010 E-Mail jimex1948@gmail.com

GROUP I Larry Smith

- 1. MC Host Speaker-** Larry Smith
- 2. Guests Speakers:** LT Col Brad Aiello (Inspector-Instructor USMC 6th Engineer Support Battalion) and on stage Sgt. Major Larry Beunafe (Senior Active Duty NCO), NPS Superintendent Tracy Fortman, Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt, Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler, and AFRC Colonel John Sweeney.
- 3. Memorial Day Script/time line –** Larry Smith
- 4. Chaplain –** Randy Warneke
- 5. Photography –**Ralph Walker

6. **Media** – Toni Wise
 7. **Invitations/Flyers/Programs** - Samantha Whitley
 8. **Honoree Drivers** –Marlene Varga
 9. **Honor Escorts** – Dan Tarbell escorting the wreath. Wreath Stands will be in front of Flags.
 10. **Parade Escorts** – John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guards)
 11. **Gold Star Family Escorts** – American Red Cross and MOAA
 12. **Reception Escort** – Anne MacEnerny-Ogle (Gold Star Families)
 13. **Flag Line** - John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guard, Legion Riders)
 14. **Honor Guard/Posting Colors:**
(1) USMC 6th Engineer (2) Young Marines (3) Buffalo Soldiers (4) Northwest Indian Veteran Assoc.
 15. **Bands** – Annette Allen (Vancouver Pipe Band) & 204th Band (YES!)
 16. **Taps** – Richard Alvarez (VFW Honor Guard). Echo taps.
 17. **Singer** - Rey Reynolds (National Anthem, God Bless the USA)
 18. **Wreaths and Carnations** – Joel Scott Wreath, 1 Red Rose, & 12 Carnations
 19. **Bright Eyes Doves Release** – Jadia Ward
 20. **POW/MIA Chair & Table** – Jack Giesen/Jeff Davis
 21. **Artillery Firing** – Dan Kern –Fire 6 rounds; one for each branch of service and one for fallen veterans. The area will have to be secured for safety reasons.
 22. **Honor Guard/Rifle Salute** –Richard Alvarez VFW Honor Guard
- GROUP II Dan Tarbell**
23. **Permit** – Dan Tarbell Permits for National Park Service and City of Vancouver.
 24. **Set up/takedown Coordinator** – Jim Erixson Tues. 9:00AM. Tents - Friday at 8:00 AM
 25. **Set up/take down** - Jim Erixson, Young Marines, Boy Scouts
 26. **Stage** – Roy Billings Main Gazebo will be the stage. Decorations will be placed around the stage.
 27. **Seating** – Roy Billings 800 Chairs (600 Brown, 200 White)
 28. **Gold Star Seat Covers** – Bill Hauser
 29. **Tents** – Bill Hauser. (10) 20' x 20' and (1) 10' x 10' have been order and will be delivered Friday before the ceremony and picked up Tuesday after the ceremony.
 30. **Port-a-potties** –Jim Czmowski with Mike Twist. Should have 2 Handicap and 4 Regular. NPS will order the port-a-potties.
 31. **Parking** – Tom Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol).
 32. **Public Transportation** - Tom Dombeck
 33. **Radios** – Tom Dombeck Will check with the Amateur Radio Club.
 34. **Security** – John Hopkins (CVI)
 35. **Seating Escorts** – Doug Rhay
 36. **Sound System** – Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze Events). Set up will be in the Gazebo. Electrical outlets are inside the Gazebo.
 37. **Clean-up** – Young Marines-Boy Scouts & volunteers
 38. **Wreath and Flag Stands** – Jim Czmowski
 39. **State Flags: Set-up/Take-down** – Peggy Gresham and Young Marines
 40. **Waste Connections** – Steve Stanley/Park Service Young Marines will collect trash bags. Need about 6 garbage containers and 6 recyclable containers.
- Group III Jo Ann Strickland**
41. **Indoor Reception (Marshal House)** - Jo Ann Strickland, Emblem Club, and Penny Ross.
 42. **Banners** – Marlene Varga, Mike Burton
 43. **Reception Committee** – Karla Bean and Emily Stoutsenberger
 44. **Indoor Greeter** – James Mead
- Group IV Anne McEnerny- Ogle**
45. **Outdoor Reception** – Anne McEnerny-Ogle (MOAA, Red Cross, Neighborhood Association, Boy & Girl Scouts, Lions Club, and 4H Club). Reception will be between National Parks Bivouac and Gazebo.
 46. **Water** – Byron Jacobus (Water & Air Works – The Water Store)

47. **Juice & Coffee** – Dan Sockle (MOAA). Need juice for Indoor Reception, Red Cross, and Outdoor Reception. Need coffee for Indoor Reception and Red Cross.

Group V

48. **Cemetery Flags** – Richard Alvarez
 49. **Memorial Site Flags** – Doug Rhay Need flags around memorial site.
 50. **Military Vehicles** – Jack Giesen Need new site to park vehicles.
 51. **Vancouver Fire Department**
 52. **40 et 8 Loci** – Jerry Keen

A. **National Park Service Soldier’s Bivouac** to follow after the Memorial Day Ceremony till 5:00 PM.

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CMAC Meeting Dates

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| Apr. 1 st | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Apr. 15 th | Van Mall Retire. | 9:00 AM |
| Apr. 29 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| May 13 th | Pearson Air M. | 9:00 AM |
| May 27 th | Marshal House | 9:00 AM |
| June 10 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| June 24 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| July 8 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| July 22 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Aug. 5 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Aug. 19 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Sept. 9 th | City Hall | 9:00 AM |
| Sept. 16 th | AFRC | 9:00 AM |
| Sept. 30 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Oct. 14 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Oct. 28 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Nov. 4 th | AFRC | 9:00 AM |
| Nov. 25 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |

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| April 28 th | Our Community Salutes – Skyview H.S. | 6:00 PM |
| May 30 th | Memorial Day Ceremony – Fort Vanc. | 11:00 AM |
| | Reception | 9:45 AM |
| June 25 th | Costco “Hero’s Night” | |
| June 26 th | Fishing with Veteran’s | |
| July 4 th | NPS Independence Day and Parade | |
| Sept. 11 th | 9/11 Ceremony – City Hall | 9:00 AM |
| Sept. 17 th | POW/MIA Ceremony – AFRC | 11:00 AM |
| | Reception | 9:45 AM |
| Nov. 5 th | Veteran’s Day Parade – | 10:00 AM Ceremony |
| | | 11:00 AM Parade |
| Nov. 11 th | Veteran’s Day Ceremony – AFRC | 11:00 AM |
| | Reception | 9:45 AM |

- Armed Forces Reserve Center 15005 NE 65th Street, Vancouver, WA
- 40 et 8 7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA
- Artillery Barracks 600 E. Hathaway Road, Vancouver, WA
- Van Mall Retirement Community 7808 NE 51st Street, Vancouver, WA